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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 16, 2002, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14 and 15, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

- Group I: Claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 14 and 15, drawn to a polypeptide comprising at its C-terminus the heptapeptide Cys-Phe-Trp-Lys-Tyr-Cys-Xaa, wherein Xaa represents Val or Ile, and having at least 45% similarity with the polypeptide sequence set forth as SEQ ID NO: 1, pharmaceutical compositions comprising the polypeptide and methods of using the polypeptide;
- Group II: Claims 3-9 and 13, drawn to a purified nucleic acid fragment wherein said nucleic acid fragment constitutes at least an oligonucleotide derived from a fragment consisting of a sequence encoding a polypeptide of Group I or complement thereof, a vector, host cell and kit comprising said purified nucleic acid fragment, wherein said fragment a human sequence;
- Group III: Claims 3-9 and 13, drawn to a purified nucleic acid fragment wherein said nucleic acid fragment constitutes at least an oligonucleotide derived from a fragment consisting of a sequence encoding a polypeptide of